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Foreign Broadcast Information Service
2430 E Street, N.W.
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Dear Roger:

First of all, congratulations on your new appointment. I am sure you will assume leadership of FBIS with the best wishes and full support of all members of the organization.

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As you know, [redacted] is here for a few days of duty and brings word that the Vienna Bureau has been notified it must vacate its quarters. I am not sure that you have been made aware of the extent of the valuable service that office has rendered the BBC, as well as the FBIS, for the past three months in backstopping important Satellite broadcasts. The BBC considers that during the summer months Vienna supplies them with an average of 40% of their material from Hungary and Czechoslovakia, including very important things such as congresses, speeches, and special events; also that with improved aerial facilities the same percentage of material from Poland would be available.

I am under the impression that one subject Mr. Campbell wants to discuss at the fall coordination meeting is the Vienna station support to BBC monitoring. It is because of Campbell's absence on leave until approximately 19 September and the fact that the meeting is tentatively scheduled for early December, that I am taking the liberty of suggesting that perhaps radio reception and the necessary technical equipment should be considered in future plans for the Vienna Bureau.

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With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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Chief, London Bureau